

CHAPTER 104

DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWALS

H.F. 355

AN ACT relating to driver's licenses, including the renewal of driver's licenses electronically and including effective date and transition provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.196, subsection 4, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

4. The department in its discretion may authorize the renewal of a valid driver's license other than a commercial driver's license upon application without an examination provided that the applicant meets one of the following conditions:

a. The applicant satisfactorily passes a vision test as prescribed by the department or;

b. The applicant files a vision report in accordance with section 321.186A which shows that the applicant's visual acuity level meets or exceeds those required by the department.

c. The applicant is eligible for license renewal electronically, pursuant to rules adopted by the department. An applicant shall not be eligible for electronic renewal of a driver's license if the most recent previous renewal of the applicant's driver's license occurred electronically.

4A. An application for renewal of a driver's license shall include a statement for the applicant to sign that acknowledges the applicant's knowledge of the requirement to notify the department of a mailing address change under section 321.182, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 224,¹ if enacted, is amended by adding the following new section:

SEC. ____. TRANSITION FROM FIVE-YEAR TO EIGHT-YEAR RENEWAL PERIODS. To implement section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph "d", as amended in this Act, and section 321.196, subsection 1, as amended in this Act, the department of transportation may provide for a transition from five-year to eight-year renewal periods for driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards. During the transition, the department may issue driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards valid for periods of five, six, seven, or eight years to equalize renewal periods and applicants over succeeding years.

Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of transportation may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement section 321.196, subsection 4, paragraph "c", as enacted in this Act, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 17A.4.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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¹ Chapter 82 herein